

**READING FILE.**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
 OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application	)	
of the TOWN OF CIRCLE for authority	)	DOCKET NO. 6581
to adopt Increased Water Rates.	)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4430

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On May 18, 1978, the TOWN OF CIRCLE (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its water rates to provide additional revenue to off-set the operating deficit and defray increased operating expenses.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of proposed public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the June 8, 1978 edition of The Circle Banner, Miles City, Montana. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by June 30, 1978, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On April 25, 1978 the entire Town Council of the Town

of Circle, MT passed a resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to off-set the operating deficit and to defray increased operating expenses.

5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by \$27,697.35.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.

2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following monthly rates are authorized:

Monthly Metered Rates:

First 3,000 gallons - \$9.00  
Each additional 1,000 gallons - \$ .50 Sept. 1 - Apr. 30  
Each additional 1,000 gallons - \$ .35 May 1 - Aug. 31

Flat Rate: (Unmetered)

\$9.00 per month

Minimum Bill: \$9.00 per month

The filed tariffs shall be effective for water service rendered on and after July

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, on July 5, 1978  
by a 4 - 0 vote.

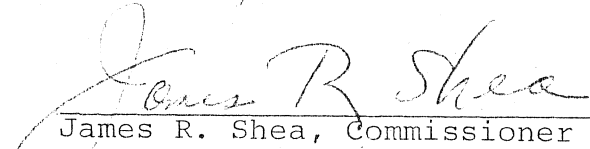
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



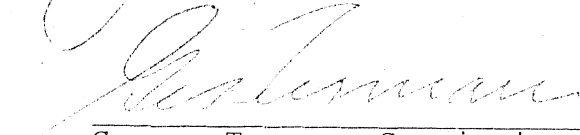
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman



Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

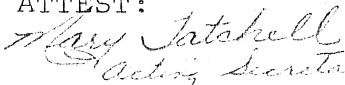


James R. Shea, Commissioner



George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Madeline L. Cottrill  
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Section 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.